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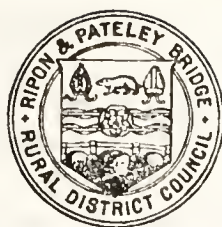
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# **RIPON AND PATELEY BRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

as at 31.12.70

## **Chairman of the Council:**

Councillor H. Lowcock, J.P.

## **Vice-Chairman of the Council:**

Councillor A. Renton, D.F.M.

## **Members of the Public Health, Works, and Planning Committee:**

**Chairman:** Councillor G. Gill

**Vice-Chairman:** Councillor A. Worsnop

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,,	J. Bedell	,,	J. F. Pratt
,,	A. Brooke	,,	Mrs. M. Ralston
,,	W. C. Coates	,,	A. Renton, D.F.M.
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,,	A. E. Dixon	,,	C. Swires
,,	Mrs. B. M. Elliott	,,	J. Taylor
,,	D. W. Fattorini	,,	J. C. Turner
,,	S. Y. P. Gardner	,,	L. G. Webster
,,	G. Gill	,,	G. W. Whitley
,,	J. S. Houseman	,,	Miss R. B. Wood, J.P.
,,	J. H. Howell	,,	A. Worsnop
,,	T. G. Levitt		

## **Chairman of the Housing Committee;**

Councillor P. Atkinson

**Vice-Chairman:** Councillor Miss R. B. Wood, J.P.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL**

### **Medical Officer of Health:**

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

### **Deputy Medical Officer of Health:**

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D. Obst., R.C.O.G.

### **Chief Public Health Inspector:**

K. Parker, M.A.P.H.I., M.Inst. P.C., M.R.S.H.

### **Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:**

N. W. Kirk, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

### **Student Public Health Inspector:**

C. J. Robinson (Left 17/5/70)

### **Clerical Staff:**

Mrs. E. Grant

Mrs. S. Lupton

Miss C. M. Barrett (Left 30/10/70)

Miss J. M. Derrick (Commenced 1/12/70)

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The Council Offices,  
Pateley Bridge.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report for the year 1970 on the health of your area and the work of your health department.

We are all conscious that a major upheaval in the shape of local government and in the administration of the health services is to occur in 1974. Much detail is not yet clear, but it seems certain that the personal health services will pass to newly constituted area health boards which will also be responsible for the hospital and general practitioner services. When this happens it will be of the utmost importance to create and maintain close liaison with the new local authority which will run the social services if the public is to receive an adequate service.

The Report as usual contains details of the County Council health services for your area.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

N. V. HEPPLÉ,

Medical Officer of Health.

## STATISTICS

Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1970) ..	14,330
Area (in acres) .. .. .	75,009
Number of inhabited houses, March 31st, 1970 ..	4,884
Rateable value, March 31st, 1970 .. .. .	£435,882
Sum represented by a penny rate, March 31st, 1970 ..	£1,725

## SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District is a large area consisting of the old Ripon Rural Area together with the Pateley Bridge Rural District. The former consists of low lying land around Ripon City, whilst the latter embraces the upper parts of Nidderdale together with the extensive surrounding tracts of high land. It contains the town of Pateley Bridge. The whole area is agricultural in character.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1970

<b>Live Births:</b>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	111	107	218
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	5	5	10
Total					116	112	228
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population					..	..	15.9
Adjusted birth rate					..	..	17.6

<b>Comparability Factor</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.11
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<b>Still Births:</b>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births							4.4

					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Deaths</b>	..	..	..	..	87	54	141
Crude death rate per 1,000 population					..	..	9.8
Adjusted death rate					..	..	9.9

<b>Comparability Factor</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.01
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<b>Maternal Mortality:</b>					<i>Rates per 1,000 total births</i>		
					<i>Deaths</i>		
Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	..	..	—	—	
Other Maternal Causes	..	..	..	..	—	—	

<b>Infantile Mortality:</b>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	3	4	7
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—

### **Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:**

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	30.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	..	..	..	32.1

## **NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS**

### **Births**

The birth rate of 17.6 was higher than in 1969 and higher than the national rate of 16.0.

### **Deaths**

The death rate of 9.9 showed a slight increase compared with the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 11.7.

The principal causes of death were as follows:—

Heart diseases (excepting Ischaemic heart disease) ..	20
Ischaemic heart disease .. .. .	33
Cerebrovascular disease .. .. .	19
Malignant neoplasms, Leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	23
Pneumonia, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma ..	15

Together these groups accounted for four-fifths of the deaths from all causes.

### **Natural Increase of Population**

The number of births exceeded the number of deaths by 87.

### **Infantile Mortality:**

7 children died under the age of one year, giving an infantile mortality rate of 30.7 per 1,000 live births. This compared with a rate of 12.8 for the previous year and 18.2 for England and Wales.

2 babies died aged two and four days respectively, 1 aged three weeks, 1 aged seven weeks, and 3 between three and five months. The causes of death were prematurity 2, pneumonia 2, acute bronchiolitis 1, respiratory distress syndrome 1, and congenital heart disease 1.

### **Maternal Mortality:**

There were no maternal deaths in the Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District during 1970.



# Causes of Death

## Registrar-General's Return 1970

	Cause	Male	Female	Total
1	Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—
2	Typhoid fever .. .. .	—	—	—
3	Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis ..	—	—	—
4	Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ..	—	—	—
5	Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	—	—	—
6	Other tuberculosis, including late effects ..	—	—	—
7	Plague .. .. .	—	—	—
8	Diphtheria .. .. .	—	—	—
9	Whooping cough .. .. .	—	—	—
10	Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	—	—	—
11	Meningococcal infection .. .. .	—	—	—
12	Acute poliomyelitis .. .. .	—	—	—
13	Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—
14	Measles .. .. .	—	—	—
15	Typhus and other rickettsioses .. .. .	—	—	—
16	Malaria .. .. .	—	—	—
17	Syphilis and its sequelae .. .. .	—	—	—
18	All other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
19	Malignant neoplasms, Leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue .. .. .	14	9	23
20	Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature .. .. .	—	—	—
21	Diabetes mellitus .. .. .	1	—	1
22	Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency .. .. .	—	—	—
23	Anaemias .. .. .	—	—	—
24	Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—
25	Active rheumatic fever .. .. .	—	—	—
26	Chronic rheumatic heart disease .. .. .	1	1	2
27	Hypertensive disease .. .. .	6	3	9
28	Ischaemic heart disease .. .. .	29	4	33
29	Other forms of heart disease .. .. .	3	6	9
30	Cerebrovascular disease .. .. .	9	10	19
31	Influenza .. .. .	3	—	3
32	Pneumonia .. .. .	5	5	10
33	Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma .. ..	3	2	5
34	Peptic ulcer .. .. .	—	—	—
35	Appendicitis .. .. .	—	—	—
36	Intestinal obstruction and hernia .. ..	—	1	1
37	Cirrhosis of liver .. .. .	—	1	1
38	Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .	—	1	1
39	Hyperplasia of prostate .. .. .	—	—	—
40	Abortion .. .. .	—	—	—
41	Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium .. .. .	—	—	—
42	Congenital abnormalities .. .. .	—	1	1
43	Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions .. ..	1	—	1
44	Other causes of perinatal mortality .. ..	—	—	—
45	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions .. ..	1	—	1
46	All other diseases .. .. .	5	10	15
47	Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .	2	—	2
48	All other accidents .. .. .	2	—	2
49	Suicide and self-inflicted injuries .. ..	1	—	1
50	All other external causes .. .. .	1	—	1
Total		87	54	141

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA**

### **1. Public Health Officers of the Authority**

The names and qualifications are set out on page 3.

### **2. Mortuary**

The Council provides a mortuary and post-mortem room at Pateley Bridge. 9 bodies, 6 males and 3 females, were taken there during 1970.

## **REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION**

No action was taken during 1970.

# HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

## REPORT OF DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1970 DIVISION No. 7

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## 1. POPULATION

The estimated populations of the areas are as follows:—

Harrogate Borough	.. ..	62,810
Ripon City	.. ..	11,880
Knaresborough Urban District	.. ..	11,330
Nidderdale Rural District	.. ..	17,800
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District	.. ..	14,330
Total	.. ..	<hr/> 118,150 <hr/>

## 2. DIVISIONAL STAFF

### Medical Officers:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer.

Isobel B. Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

P. A. G. M. Ashmore, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Departmental Medical Officer.

A. W. I. Hall, M.B., B.Chir., Departmental Medical Officer.

\*P. C. N. Clarke, M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Paediatrician.

\*P. A. I. MacLeod, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon.

\*Rosemary Hawe, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.O., Ophthalmologist.

\*W. S. Suffern, M.D., M.R.C.P., Cardiologist.

\*Elizabeth Gore, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic.

Anastasia Holroyd, M.A., M.B., B.S.

Katherine H. Odling-Smee, M.B., Ch.B.

Marjorie Parsons, M.B., Ch.B.

Isobel Critchley, M.B., Ch.B.

Margaret E. Manning, M.B., Ch.B.

} Clinic doctors  
} working on a  
} sessional basis

*\*Part-time from Regional Hospital Board.*

## Speech Therapists

Full-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

## Child Guidance Staff (part-time)

Psychologists	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Psychiatric Social Worker				..	..	..	..	1
Remedial Teacher			..	..	..	..	..	1
Clerical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

## Mental Health Service

Senior Mental Welfare Officer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Mental Welfare Officers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Harrogate Hostel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

## Dental Officers

Mr. K. Cowell, L.D.S.								
Mr. M. Hattan, L.D.S.								
Mr. G. A. Thompson, L.D.S. (part-time, Orthodontic Consultant).								
Mr. R. F. Grainger, L.D.S. (part-time)								
Mr. M. Hollings, L.D.S. (part-time)								
Mr. J. G. Wills, L.D.S. (part-time).								

## Nursing Staff

Divisional Nursing Officer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Health Visitors who are also school nurses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Health Visitor (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Health Visitor employed on Hospital Liaison Duties	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tuberculosis Health Visitor (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assistant Health Visitors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Assistant Health Visitors (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Home Nurses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Home Nurses (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Home Nurse Midwives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Midwives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

## Administrative

Divisional Administrative Officer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clerical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18

## Sale of Food Assistants

Part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
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**Dental Assistants**

Full-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

**Albany Avenue Day Nursery**

Nursing Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Domestic Staff (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

**Home Helps**

Working whole-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Working part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	227

**Domestic Staff, etc.**

Cleaners (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Gardener/Handyman (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cook, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Maids, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Escorts, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Caretaker, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Caretaker, Health Centre, Knaresborough Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

### 3. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

#### A. School Medical Inspections

All new entrants to schools are medically examined but subsequent examinations are done on a selective basis. In 1970 there was a slight decrease in the number of pupils given a full medical examination and this was due, in the main, to the introduction of selective examinations for the school leaver age groups.

Defective vision requiring treatment formed 35% of the total defects.

Age Groups born	No. of pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any other condition recorded at Part II	Total Individual pupils
1966 and later	39	39	—	—	1	3	4
1965	1,131	1,130	1	—	32	138	158
1964	605	604	1	—	21	98	110
1963	191	191	—	38	3	26	28
1962	348	348	—	254	32	81	99
1961	194	194	—	161	12	35	44
1960	115	115	—	158	9	20	25
1959	210	209	1	282	25	50	65
1958	125	125	—	287	15	27	35
1957	40	40	—	17	6	8	11
1956	48	48	—	244	2	7	9
1955 and earlier	171	171	—	461	26	23	47
TOTAL	3,217	3,214	3	1,902	184	516	635

## B. Other Inspections

Number of Special inspections	..	..	..	..	452
Number of re-inspections	..	..	..	..	340
Total					792

## C. Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	11,705
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	194
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	18
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

1·6% of the children examined were found to have dirty heads, compared with 1·7% in 1969, and 1·5% in 1968.



## D. Periodic and Special Inspections

Defect or Disease	Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total		Special Inspec- tions	
	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)
Skin ..	14	22	3	7	50	49	67	78	5	1
Eyes										
(a) Vision ..	33	101	26	35	125	120	184	256	27	36
(b) Squint ..	5	25	—	3	26	25	31	53	—	15
(c) Other ..	—	6	—	2	5	12	5	20	—	3
Ears										
(a) Hearing ..	5	69	4	5	24	97	34	171	6	38
(b) Otitis Media	6	13	1	1	9	10	16	24	1	4
(c) Other ..	1	1	—	—	1	3	2	4	1	2
Nose and Throat ..	19	36	2	4	32	49	53	89	3	15
Speech ..	30	13	2	1	20	19	52	33	6	2
Lymphatic Glands	5	5	—	—	—	3	5	8	—	—
Heart ..	5	11	1	1	5	13	11	25	2	2
Lungs ..	14	18	1	5	40	33	55	56	4	4
Developmental:										
(a) Hernia ..	2	2	—	—	3	10	5	12	2	2
(b) Other ..	9	25	1	1	33	51	43	77	1	1
Orthopaedic										
(a) Posture ..	—	5	—	2	4	1	4	8	1	1
(b) Feet ..	21	29	1	1	39	56	61	86	12	12
(c) Other ..	3	14	—	4	17	21	20	39	3	3
Nervous System:										
(a) Epilepsy ..	—	2	—	1	9	11	9	14	1	1
(b) Other ..	21	59	—	4	38	57	59	120	6	6
Psychological:										
(a) Development	2	7	—	—	7	29	9	36	5	5
(b) Stability ..	1	13	—	—	8	18	9	31	2	2
Abdomen ..	2	3	—	—	5	6	7	8	4	4
Other ..	5	25	6	2	19	17	30	44	1	5

(T) Treatment.

(O) Observation.

## Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint .. .. .	87
Errors of refraction (including squint) .. ..	701
Total	788
Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed .. .. .	426

## Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear .. ..	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis .. ..	142
(c) for other nose and throat conditions .. ..	64
Received other forms of treatment .. .. .	32
Total	238

Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids:—

(a) in 1970 .. .. .	2
(b) in previous years .. .. .	12

## Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics or out-patient departments .. ..	4
Pupils treated at school for postural defects ..	—

## E. Handicapped Pupils

These are children who, by reason of physical or mental disability, need special educational treatment in ordinary or special schools.

291 children were on the register at the end of the year as detailed below:—

	In ordinary school	In special school	Not attending school	Home tuition
Blind .. ..	—	4	1	—
Partially sighted .. ..	6	5	—	—
Deaf .. ..	—	8	—	—
Partially hearing .. ..	13	7	—	—
Educationally sub-normal	65	84	—	1
Epileptic .. ..	3	—	—	—
Maladjusted .. ..	10	15	—	—
Physically handicapped ..	33	15	2	1
Delicate .. ..	1	1	—	—
Double defect .. ..	*8	†7	‡1	—
Total	139	146	4	2

\* { 7 Esn/Physically Handicapped  
1 Esn/Partially Hearing

† { 5 Esn/Physically Handicapped  
2 Esn/maladjusted  
‡ 1 Esn/Physically Handicapped

## F. Audiometry

Routine testing of school children from the age of seven years was continued during 1970 by health visitors who have received special training in the use of the pure-tone audiometer. 1,620 school children in this group were tested, of whom 47 were referred for further investigation.

The health visitors are also trained in the methods of testing the hearing of the pre-school children from the age of six months onwards.

## 4. SPEECH THERAPY

In September a West Riding Speech Therapist was appointed who works two days per week in Harrogate and Knaresborough and the rest of her time in another Division. This extra help has been of great assistance although it does not fully meet the demand for speech therapy in this area.

118 new cases were treated during the year and the treatment of 142 others was continued. Most of the treatment is carried out in schools but the Speech Therapists attend Dragon Parade Clinic, Harrogate, and Alma House Clinic, Ripon. 59 domiciliary visits were made.

## 5. CARDIAC CLINIC

During 1970 a total of 15 sessions of the Cardiac Clinic were held at irregular intervals, when 102 children made a total of 117 attendances. Although 15 new cases were referred to the Clinic, the number of children attending declined, as the former practice of referring infants with heart conditions from the Paediatric Clinic to the special children's Cardiac Clinic seems to have lapsed and so there is no "intake" to replace older children who are either transferred to the adult Cardiac Clinic or returned to the care of their own doctors.

During the period under review 4 children were transferred to the adult Cardiac Clinic at Harrogate Hospital, while 4 others were returned to the care of their general practitioners. 5 children were referred to the Cardiac Unit in Leeds for further investigation.

## 6. CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

During the year 111 new cases were seen. 81 boys and 30 girls. 101 of these were referred from this Division:-

				<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Divisional Medical Officer	..	..	..	38	13	51
General Practitioners	..	..	..	11	4	15
Head-teachers	..	..	..	9	1	10
Parents	..	..	..	9	4	13
Paediatrician	..	..	..	3	4	7
Others	..	..	..	3	2	5
				<hr/> 73	<hr/> 28	<hr/> 101

Dr. E. Gore, the Consultant Psychiatrist, reports as follows:—

"The figures show an overall decrease in new cases seen, partly due to a rather smaller number referred by General Practitioners. It seems likely that more emotional problems are being referred to the Paediatrician than previously. The slight fall in total number of new cases has enabled us to spend more time studying and treating the families, which has also been possible because we have had three students training in social work this year, two from the Leeds Course and one a West Riding trainee.

Mr. Popplewell has been appointed as remedial teacher but we are hoping that Miss Stather, whose work has been so valuable, particularly in the morning group with severely disturbed children with educational problems, and also in helping children with visual perceptual difficulties, will be able to continue on a part-time basis.

The work with the morning group has prevented a number of children having to be recommended for maladjusted schools, an important point in view of the extreme shortage of places in such schools.

This annual report tends to look more to the future in view of the changes in legislation and planning. Since the future of Child Guidance Clinics such as the clinic here in Harrogate is in some doubt, we all feel a certain unease in regard to our situation. The members of the clinic team here certainly feel, however, that this type of clinic with its close contact with families, community services, schools and general practitioners, and with its team approach, continues to have a value. The regular assessment, diagnosis, planning of treatment and follow-up of all our cases, and its connection with the medical discipline, also seems to us important.

With regard to our contacts outside the clinic, these have, if anything, increased. We now regularly hold lunch-time meetings on Fridays as well as Thursdays and usually invite those involved with the cases, such as Head Teachers, Children's Officers, etc., and sometimes additional students attend".

## 7. CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

### (a) Births

#### Return of Births Notified in the Divisional Area during the Year

DETAILS	BIRTHS				TOTAL
	Domiciliary		Institutional		
	Live	Still	Live	Still	
(a) Primary notifications	63	—	2,093	27	2,183
(b) <i>Add</i> Inward Transfers	—	—	86	1	87
(c) Total Notifications received	63	—	2,179	28	2,270
(d) <i>Deduct</i> Outward Transfers	—	—	586	6	592
(e) Total adjusted births	63	—	1,593	22	1,678
ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL BIRTHS					
Born in					
(a) Hospitals			1,591	22	
(b) Maternity Homes			—	—	
(c) Nursing Homes			2	—	
TOTAL			1,593	22	

Only 4.7% of births to residents of the Division took place at home.



**(b) Ante-Natal and Post Natal Clinics**

Name and Address of Ante-natal/Post-natal Clinic (whether held at Infant Welfare Centre or other premises)	No. of separate sessions held during year					No. of women in attendance (including those seen at combined infant welfare & ante- natal sessions)		Total No. of attendances (including those seen at combined infant welfare and ante- natal sessions)	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Midwives (excluding mother- craft & re- laxation)	General practi- tioners employed on sessional basis	Hosp- ital Med. Staff	Total	A/N	P/N	A/N	P/N
2, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	—	44	—	—	44	33	—	87	—
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane Knaresborough	—	51	—	—	51	34	—	150	—
Totals .. ..	—	95	—	—	95	67	—	237	—

**(c) Ante-Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes.**

Name and Address of Centre	No. of sessions held during the year		No. of women who attended during the year			Total number of attendances made during the year	
	Separate Sessions	Combined with A/N. clinic sessions	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked
2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate .. ..	118	—	143	2	145	795	9
Health Centre, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate .. ..	56	—	68	—	68	299	—
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate .. ..	94	—	101	—	101	580	—
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresbro' .. ..	40	—	63	—	63	302	—
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Centre, Boroughbridge .. ..	50	—	18	2	20	141	18
Alma House, Ripon .. ..	5	—	46	1	47	275	8
Claro Barracks, Ripon .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Menwith Hill .. ..	3	—	21	—	21	70	—
Health Centre, Pateley Bridge .. ..	14	—	8	1	9	44	7
Totals .. ..	380	—	468	6	474	2,506	42
							2,548



(d) Infant Welfare Centres

Name and Address of Centre	No. of Infant Welfare Sessions held during year by					No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in				Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Medical Staff	Total	1970	1969	1965/1968			1970	1969	1965/1968	
Central Clinic, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	100	—	—	—	100	112	112	79	303	841	740	216	1,797	
St. John Ambulance H.Q., Starbeck	13	—	—	—	13	21	87	35	143	62	333	62	457	
Health Centre, Knaresborough Road	39	—	—	—	39	126	32	73	231	1,396	617	239	2,252	
2179 Skipton Road, Harrogate	—	52	49	—	101	241	259	238	738	2,829	2,455	732	6,016	
St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Harrogate	—	—	25	—	25	47	42	28	117	206	233	118	647	
Methodist Buildings, College Rd., Harrogate	23	—	—	—	23	41	58	36	135	310	274	67	651	
Pannal Memorial Hall, Pannal, Harrogate	—	—	11	—	11	11	8	18	37	38	40	40	118	
Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate (Army premises)	—	20	—	—	20	12	15	9	36	34	54	12	100	
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresborough	101	—	—	—	101	149	150	176	475	1,362	1,233	950	3,545	
Health Centre Boroughbridge	25	—	—	—	25	27	24	36	87	259	160	77	496	
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	42	—	—	—	42	51	53	66	170	444	425	118	987	
Alma House, Ripon	48	—	—	—	48	52	72	69	193	512	553	207	1,272	
Claro Barracks, Ripon	—	13	—	—	13	31	26	25	82	154	130	85	369	
Summerbridge	—	—	12	—	12	17	21	17	55	83	82	48	213	
Mobile Clinic	196	—	234	—	430	213	225	237	675	793	1,005	646	2,444	
Totals	587	85	331	—	1,003	1,151	1,184	1,142	3,477	9,413	8,334	3,617	21,364	

In addition, the Mobile Clinic provides infant welfare centre services in the rural parts of the area as follows:—

Hampsthwaite	Friday	Fortnightly
Killinghall	Friday	„
Aldfield	Tuesday	Monthly
Birstwith	Monday	„
Bishop Monkton	Friday	„
Bishop Thornton	Monday	„
Burnt Yates	Monday	„
Burton Leonard	Friday	„
Copt Hewick	Tuesday	„
Darley	Monday	„
Follifoot	Wednesday	„
Glasshouses	Monday	„
Grafton	Wednesday	„
Grantley	Tuesday	„
Green Hammerton	Wednesday	„
Grewelthorpe	Tuesday	„
Great Ouseburn	Wednesday	„
H.M.S. Forest Moor	Monday	„
Heyshaw Lane End	Monday	„
Hunsingore	Wednesday	„
Kirby Malzeard	Tuesday	„
Kirk Hammerton	Wednesday	„
Lead Lane, Ripon	Friday	„
Little Ouseburn	Wednesday	„
Lofthouse	Monday	„
Markington	Monday	„
Marton	Wednesday	„
Moor Monkton	Wednesday	„
Nun Monkton	Wednesday	„
Nunwick	Tuesday	„
Ramsgill	Monday	„
Ripon Army Camp	Tuesday	„
Rufforth	Wednesday	„
Sawley	Tuesday	„
Scotton	Friday	„
Staveley	Friday	„
Shaw Mills	Monday	„
Skelton	Tuesday	„
Studley	Tuesday	„
Whixley	Wednesday	„
Winksley	Tuesday	„

**(e) Routine Tests on Young Babies**

Up to the end of March, 1970, the urine of young babies was tested routinely to eliminate the possibility of phenylketonuria, a metabolic abnormality which can produce mental defect if it is untreated. 234 children were tested, all with negative results.

As from the 1st April, the urine test was superseded by the Guthrie test, a new test which is done on a spot of blood taken from the child's heel. 1,389 tests were made up to the end of the year, all of which proved negative.

The health visitors and midwives also test young infants for congenital dislocation of the hip using the Ortolani test. Two confirmed cases were discovered during the year.

**(f) Dental Care**

The arrangements for dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers have continued.

**(g) Care of Unmarried Mothers and their Children**

In approved cases grants are made by the County Council towards the cost of institutional care before and after confinement for a period of up to a maximum of thirteen weeks, excluding the lying-in.

124 cases came to the attention of the Department during the year. 1 girl was under the age of fifteen, 50 were between the ages of fifteen and nineteen, 45 between twenty and twenty-four, 12 between twenty-five and twenty-nine, 14 between thirty and thirty-nine and 2 were over forty.

**(h) Care of Premature Infants**

Two special portable incubators with electrical heating are available for the transport of premature babies to hospital. These prevent injury from chilling. One incubator is based at the Ambulance Station in Harrogate and the other is kept available at the Maternity Unit of Ripon Hospital.

**(i) Albany Avenue Day Nursery**

This day nursery is open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Children are admitted whose mothers are obliged to maintain themselves and their families by going out to work or who have other priority needs. The health of the children is supervised by the medical staff of the Department.

## **(j) Inspection of Children at Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes**

Medical inspections are carried out at the Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes by the medical staff of the Department. In addition, all children are examined on admission and discharge and any medical problems dealt with.

## **8. MIDWIFERY**

The midwifery staff of the Division consists of 4 whole-time midwives and 11 midwives who are also home nurses. They attended a total of 58 home confinements during 1970.

In addition to attending the home confinements the midwives visited 1,073 hospital and maternity home patients who went home before the tenth day. 318 of these patients were discharged home at forty-eight hours, 307 were discharged after forty-eight hours but up to and including the fifth day and 448 after the fifth but before the tenth day. Twice daily visits are made during the first three days of puerperium and daily visits thereafter, up to the tenth day.

Owing to the shortage of accommodation in the maternity units of the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals and the York Maternity Home, applications for maternity beds made on social grounds are investigated by the domiciliary midwives.

The need to call out the Obstetric Flying Squad did not arise during the year.

## **Medical Aid Notices**

6 medical aid notices were issued by midwives during the year, all in respect of domiciliary cases. The following summary gives the conditions for which medical aid was sought:—

Pregnancy	..	..	—
Labour ..	..	..	—
Lying-in	..	..	5
The child	..	..	1

## **Analgesia**

Analgesia was administered by County Council midwives to domiciliary patients as follows:—

Trilene ..	..	..	12
Pethidine	..	..	9
Trilene and Pethidine			23

## 9. HEALTH VISITING

19 full-time health visitors, 2 part-time health visitors, 2 full-time assistants to health visitor and 6 part-time assistants to health visitor were employed in the Division at the end of the year. All the full-time health visitors are attached to General Practitioners. 1 full-time health visitor and 1 part-time health visitor did tuberculosis visiting and maintained liaison between the Health Department and the Chest Physicians. Another was largely occupied with the admission and discharge of elderly people to hospitals, old people's homes and Part III accommodation, working closely with the Geriatric Unit at Knaresborough Hospital. Like the rest of the nursing staff, the health visitors work under the general direction of the Divisional Nursing Officer.

The following table shows categories of visits made:—

	No. of cases i.e., first visits
1. Total number of cases .. .. .	9,486
2. Children born in 1970 .. .. .	1,679
3. Children born in 1969 .. .. .	1,542
4. Children born in 1965-68 .. .. .	2,700
5. Total number of children in lines 2-4 .. .. .	5,921
6. Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits) .. .. .	1,677
7. Number included in line 6 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	918
8. Mentally disordered persons .. .. .	56
9. Number included in line 8 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	39
10. Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals) .. .. .	134
11. Number included in line 10 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	105
12. Number of tuberculous households visited (i.e., visits by health visitors not employed solely on tuberculosis work) .. .. .	68
13. Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases .. .. .	46
14. Other cases .. .. .	1,584



## 10. HOME NURSING

13 home nurses, 2 part-time home nurses, and 11 home nurse-midwives were nursing in the Division at the end of the year. Almost all the Home Nurses are attached to General Practitioners.

The following table gives classification of the work carried out:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during the year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year
Medical .. .. .	1,848	51,781
Surgical .. .. .	384	11,034
Infectious diseases .. .. .	17	226
Tuberculosis .. .. .	5	115
Maternal complications ..	75	618
Other .. .. .	32	242
TOTALS ..	2,361	64,016

## 11. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Protection is offered against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, poliomyelitis, smallpox, and measles.

### (a) Vaccination of Persons under 16 years completed during 1970 Completed Primary Courses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1963-1966		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	8	1,000	287	7	11	—	1,313
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	1	5	—	8	3	17
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tetanus	—	—	—	1	—	19	20
Poliomyelitis	8	1,002	297	9	27	3	1,346
Measles	1	310	412	107	163	19	1,012

## Reinforcing Doses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1963- 1966		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Whooping Cough)	—	29	25	2	137	18	211
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	—	4	5	788	54	851
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Tetanus	—	—	4	7	26	96	133
Poliomyelitis	—	30	31	10	839	181	1,091
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

### (b) Vaccination Against Smallpox

The numbers in different age groups vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year are shown below:—

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—15	Total
No. Vaccinated ..	63	1,120	211	79	1,473
No. Re-vaccinated ..	—	—	12	91	103

### (c) B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination was again offered to all children 13 years of age and over attending schools in the area.

The following are details of work carried out:—

1. No. of Medical Officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination 5
2. Acceptances
  - (a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary (whether the offer was made during the year or previously) 1,590
  - (b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously 12
  - (c) No. of acceptances 1,430
  - (d) Percentage of acceptances 89.93 %

3. Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test				
(a) No. of children 2(c) tested..	..	..	..	1,389
(b) Result of Heaf Test:	(i) Positive	..	..	88
	(ii) Negative	..	..	1,224
	(iii) Not ascertained	..	..	77
(c) Percentage positive	..	..	..	6.33%
4. Vaccination				
No. vaccinated following negative Heaf Test	..	..	..	1,205

## 12. MENTAL HEALTH

### (a) Mental Welfare

#### Harrogate Therapeutic Club

At the end of 1970 there were 47 names on the register of patients receiving day care, and 17 on the register of Dr. Galley's Group. Dr. Kerr and Dr. Haslam continue to see an average of 8 patients at each of their weekly "follow-up" sessions.

The level of mutual support among the members of the club continues to rise. This is very encouraging to all who work in the Therapeutic Club, but a large number of names appear on the register year after year and re-admissions to hospital for short periods are quite common. Very few patients have returned to hospital for long stay. The patients who are referred to the Club for short periods of day care are particularly rewarding. They include depressed housewives, subnormal persons temporarily out of work, adolescents who are unable to face a work situation, etc. The attempts at rehabilitation of long stay hospital patients has met with success. A man who had been in hospital for 17 years recently established himself in a job after having been a club member for just over a year.

Sixteen patients were admitted to the Club for day care during 1970, and the discharges were as follows:—

Left the district	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Unco-operative and left after a day or two	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Refused to attend	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Improved and returned to work or home duties	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Obtained employment	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Recovered and returned to home duties	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Admitted to Hospital but may return to Club	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

#### Furnished Accommodation for Mental Health Patients

There is little to report concerning the accommodation for Mental Health Patients. No change of tenancy has taken place during the year, and there has been no noticeable change in the mental health of the residents. Five of the six residents have had short periods in Clifton Hospital, and the sixth is a burnt out schizophrenic who is likely to remain in the house for life.



All the residents are diagnosed “acute” or “chronic” and some would doubtless have been lifelong hospital patients prior to the discovery of the new treatments and the possibility of care in the community for this type of patient.

There have been no serious problems. A complaint received from a neighbour concerning noise from a radio set was dealt with by the fitting of a fixed volume control.

**Psychiatric Social Club**

The Club has continued to be held each Tuesday evening throughout the year. There has been a noticeable drop in attendances during the past six months and some members left during the year for various reasons. The older people tended to stay at home if the Happy Wanderers mini-bus was not available and a predominantly younger age group was left. An average attendance of 24 has been made and the usual activities enjoyed. Highlights were a film show by the Harrogate Amateur Film Society to which the Wetherby Club was invited, the Christmas Party for members and friends, a Youth Hostel weekend in September in which 14 members took part, and a Holiday in Bridlington, costing £7 for the week, organised for 21 members from Wetherby, Skipton and Harrogate.

**(b) Harrogate Training Centre**

**Staff**

Junior Wing	Class 1	Miss Reynolds, Centre Supervisor
	Class 2	Mrs. Barker, Assistant Supervisor
	Class 3	Mrs. Higgins, Assistant Supervisor
	Special Care Unit	Miss Craven, Assistant Supervisor
Adult Wings	Workroom 1	Mr. Roebuck, Instructor (To 30.1.70)
		Mr. Rattray, Instructor (From 9.2.70)
	Workroom 2	Mrs. Musgrave, Instructor
	Workroom 3	Mrs. Mawson, Senior Instructor
		(To 14.8.70)
		Mrs. Morgan, Relief Asst. Supervisor
	General Duties Assistant	Mrs. Irish

**Training Courses**

Mr. Roebuck commenced a course for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped (Adults) in Hull, in February.

Mrs. Mawson commenced a course in Durham for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped in September.

## Trainees Number on Roll

January 1st, 1970

38	Junior Wing
23	Female Wing
21	Male Wing
6	Special Care Unit
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88	
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December 31st, 1970

36
23
19
7
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85

## Outings

The usual full programme included visits to the following places of interest:—

- Feb. 9—Classes 2 and 3—Harrogate Odeon “The Sound of Music”  
 Mar. 3—Class 1—Knaresborough  
 „ 6—Adult Female Wing—Valley Gardens  
 „ 19—Class 2—Harrogate shops  
 April 21—Class 3—The Dales Centre, Morton on Swale  
 June 23—Class 2—Studley Royal  
 „ 24—Class 3—Flamingo Park  
 „ 25—Class 2—Harewood House Aviary  
 July 1—Class 1—Leeds, for lunch and then the Museum  
 „ 7—Class 1—Knaresborough Zoo  
 „ 21—Adult Wings—The Dales  
 „ 22—Adult Wings—Flamingo Park  
 „ 27—Adult Wings—Stump Cross Caves  
 „ 29—Adult Wings—Hornsea Pottery  
 Sept. 24—Class 3—Richmond  
 Oct. 13—Class 1—Knaresborough for lunch  
 Dec. 12—Classes, 1, 2, 3—R.A.F. Station, Linton on Ouse to a party

## Special Occasions

- Jan. 1—Adult Wings—New Year Party  
 April 29— „ Uncle Bill entertained trainees  
 June 9— „ Uncle Bill, David and Nina Burns entertained trainees  
 July 10— „ Uncle Bill, The Montana Brothers, David and Nina Burns entertained the trainees  
 Oct. 9— „ Uncle Bill  
 „ 19— „ Mrs. Dodsworth came to show slides taken on the Edinburgh holiday

Nov.	4—Junior Wing	Sparkler Party
„	5— „	Uncle Bill, Sugar and Spice and Mr. Pepper (talking dog) entertained the children
„	16—Junior Wing and Special Care Unit	Christmas Party where Uncle Bill entertained and Mr. Barker, a Child Care Officer, was Santa Claus
„	17— „	Christmas Dinner was served
„	21—Adult Wings	Christmas Party when Unele Bill entertained

## Holidays, etc.

In May five trainees went to Skegness on the W.R.C.C. holiday scheme.

In September Mrs. Musgrave and Miss Harrison, a former cadet at the Centre and now on a teacher training course, took eight adult girls on a five day coach tour of Edinburgh. They stayed in an hotel in the centre of the city and visited many places of interest. They also toured the Trossachs and went to the Military Tattoo. Members of the hotel staff remarked on the excellent behaviour of the girls and extended an invitation to stay there again.

It was interesting and enlightening to observe the girls away from the Centre environment. It was a new experience for some of them, being the first time away from home.

The staff try to take the trainees into the community as often as is practicable. Public transport is used wherever possible and small groups are favoured as more practical teaching can be undertaken in this way.

Older trainees go almost daily to the local supermarket and other shops. This has provided valuable experience as quite a few girls can now go to the shops alone and cope with a fairly lengthy shopping list. Others can go by bus to the Municipal Offices in Harrogate.

## Liaison with Forest Special School, Knaresborough

Some work has been undertaken with Forest School during the year. Alternate visits were made for Percussion Band which were very successful, the children mixing well. Visits were also made for special occasions, concerts, etc.

Mr. Hart, the Headmaster, invited the Parents' Association to visit his school. He gave a short talk and then parents were able to look round and talk to members of staff.

## **Open Evening**

During Mental Handicap Week an Open Evening was held at the Centre. The Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate attended as well as over two hundred parents and friends.

Later in the year a Coffee Morning was held supported by many parents and friends.

## **Painting Competition**

Three children won 50p prizes in the N.S.M.H.C. art competition and one of their pictures was sold for £1.

## **Medical Examinations**

All the children in the Junior Wing received medical examinations during the year. In addition medical examinations were started in November for a mongol survey into the early onset of diabetes mellitus in the general and Downs Syndrome populations.

## **Speech Therapy**

The Speech Therapist continues to visit the Centre, mostly for about 20 minutes each week. This is not sufficient for the need but speech therapists are in short supply.

## **Speech Project**

The second half of the speech project commenced in 1969 was completed for Mr. Simpson, Research Fellow, Newcastle University, in 1970. This involved many hours work with the children and the result is not yet available.

## **Swimming**

It was found possible to recommence swimming lessons during the year. These are held for two 1½ hour sessions each week in the hydro-therapy pool at St. Georges House, Harrogate. They are very popular and the conditions at St. Georges are very suitable for the trainees' requirements. The hire of a mini bus solves the problem of transport.

## **Contract Work**

The Instructors in the workrooms are responsible for the output of contract work. The fact that the Senior Instructor post had not been filled gave rise to some problems.

The trainees receive a minimum of 50p per week incentive pay and look forward to pay day.

## **Gifts**

The Parents' Association provided a rented all channel television set. This is used every day for selected school programmes and "Watch with Mother".

The Association has also donated some large P.E. equipment. This includes climbing frames, climbing bars and overhead ladders. It was all fitted by Neils Larsen Ltd. and can be fastened to the wall or be pulled out for easier access.

Harrogate Ladies' Circle bought some large pieces of apparatus for the hall including a sculling machine, two punch balls, a remedial bicycle and a "Doodlebug" of a type used in orthopaedic hospitals.

## **Special Care Unit**

Work started on the extensions to the Special Care Unit in June and since then the whole building has been in a turmoil. Nearly every room has been affected and had an alteration of some description. Everyone has been working under extreme difficulties which ranged from no heat, no hot water, the thunderous noise of the pneumatic drill and thick dust and dirt everywhere. Since the appointment of an additional cleaner in September the situation has improved but it has been an enormous task keeping the centre presentable during the building programme which is not expected to be completed until mid 1971.

### **(c) Meadow Bank Hostel**

Meadow Bank has accommodation for eight children from five to fifteen years old. During school hours they attended the Training Centre from Monday to Friday, returning to their own homes at the weekend.

There were four new admissions during the year but one of them, who was there for a trial period, had to be discharged as unsuitable. There were also two other discharges, one to an E.S.N. Special School and one to long-stay hospital care.

Two children were given short-stay care in the Hostel to enable their parents to take a holiday.

An Open Evening was held in Mental Handicap Week when about a hundred people visited the Hostel. The resident children's behaviour was excellent.

A lot of inconvenience was experienced during the second half of the year as the special care children had to use the hostel in the day time whilst the extensions were being made to their own unit.



### 13. HOME HELP SERVICE

There was a small increase of 10 cases and 295 hours worked compared with the previous year.

4 whole-time and 227 part-time home helps were employed, giving an equivalent number of 78 whole-time staff.

The following table gives details of the work they carried out:—

Category	No. of Cases	Hours Employed
Aged 65 or over .. .. .	1,005	139,641
Under 65 years:—		
(a) Chronic Sick or tuberculous ..	93	14,395
(b) Mentally disordered .. ..	2	142
(c) Maternity .. .. .	19	1,080
(d) Others .. .. .	54	6,850
Totals ..	1,173	162,108

### 14. PREVENTION, CARE AND AFTER-CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physicians hold sessions once a week at Scotton Banks Hospital, twice a week at Harrogate General Hospital and once a week at Ripon and District Hospital. The health visitors who do tuberculosis visiting attend the clinics at the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals.

The Chest Physician reports as follows:—

During the year 13 patients, 6 males and 7 females, were notified or re-notified. 9 of these had positive sputum and were quite definite cases, 2 were transfers in as quiescent and 2 were re-notifications of patients previously discharged who had become active again. 2 posthumous cases were notified, one a female of 71 and the other a male of 70.

22 names were removed from the register. 7 of them had recovered, 9 had left the area and 6 had died.

The Mass Radiography Unit was requested to visit a chicken factory at Ripon following the notification of a female worker there.

101 workers were tuberculin tested and 34 were found to be negative and given B.C.G.. A proportion of the remaining 67 had previously had B.C.G. or were of an older age group. They were all X-rayed and no further cases were found.

The Unit also visited Menwith Hill Station following notification of a male worker and Penny Pot Army Camp following notification of a worker who was a previous known case of T.B. who had become active again. No further cases were found.

It was somewhat disturbing to find that of the new cases notified, 5 had very extensive disease. As a result of these new cases 184 contacts were seen and 78 of them were given B.C.G. 3 child contacts, who had very strongly positive tuberculin tests, were put on to anti-tuberculous therapy as a precautionary measure but were not notified.

## **15. CERVICAL CYTOLOGY**

A screening test for the detection of cancer of the cervix is offered to all married women. Sessions were held weekly at The Clinic, 2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate, monthly at Alma House Clinic, Ripon, and as required at the Health Centre, Pateley Bridge.

817 women attended the Harrogate sessions, 189 women attended the Ripon sessions and 23 women attended the Pateley Bridge sessions. There was 1 positive smear.

## **16. CHIROPODY**

Chiropody is provided by the County Council for expectant mothers, the physical disabled and the elderly. In this Division services are maintained in Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough, Pateley Bridge, Boroughbridge, Poppleton, Nun Monkton, Whixley, Kirk Hammerton, Bishop Monkton, Burton Leonard and Kirby Malzeard.

A domiciliary service is provided for patients unable to attend clinics or surgery sessions on medical grounds.

All the chiropodists work part-time for the County Council and the time they are able to offer does not fill the need. There are waiting lists in Harrogate for both domiciliary and ambulant patients.

## **17. REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES**

There were 16 registered nursing homes in the Division at the end of the year to which 24 visits of inspection were made.

**18. REGISTRATION OF OLD PEOPLE’S HOMES**

The 26 old people’s homes registered in the area were visited by the Divisional Medical Officer in conjunction with the Divisional Welfare Officer.

**19. CHILDREN NEGLECTED OR ILL-TREATED IN THEIR OWN HOMES—PREVENTION OF BREAK-UP OF FAMILIES**

4 meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee were held during 1970.

3 new cases were added and 3 removed from the list, leaving 22 families under review at the end of the year. One family left the district and the other two were managing very well and were no longer considered to require supervision.

Three families have their rent guaranteed. One shows signs of improvement, the house is cleaner and tidier. They run up rent arrears when the husband is off work but these are usually cleared within a reasonable time after his return to work. There is little change in the second family. They continue to have rent arrears but since the wife undertook to pay the rent the arrears have reduced. There is no change in the third family.

**20. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF STAFF, etc.**

A total of 503 medical examinations of staff, etc. were carried out during the year. New members of the West Riding staff are medically examined only if they have a significant medical history or are over forty-five years old, a policy which reduces work for the medical staff.

The medical examinations carried out were in the following categories:—

West Riding County Council	..	..	..	..	247
District Councils in the Division	..	..	..	..	38
Other Authorities	..	..	..	..	11
Applicants for Training Colleges	..	..	..	..	125
Employment of Children (including in entertainments)	..				82

**21. HEALTH EDUCATION**

More health education activities were undertaken in 1970 than in previous years. The relaxation and mothercraft classes, in particular, continued to be in great demand.



Talks were given to Young Wives and Friendship Clubs, etc. on a variety of subjects and a series of talks on home nursing and mothercraft were given to Girl Guides, Red Cross Cadets and other girls studying for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There was an increase in the number of Brownies and Girl Guides taking the Home Safety Badge for which a high standard is set.

The health visitors in Ripon started a health education programme at Alma House Clinic. The popularity of films and talks given on alternate weeks led to the formation of an afternoon mothers' club which in December started to meet once a month. This was the fourth of these clubs formed in the Division.

The health visitors at the Knaresborough Road Health Centre in Harrogate gave the entire Friday afternoons to health education with films and talks whilst the local Red Cross nurses cared for the children.

At other clinics the voluntary workers, who were no longer fully occupied selling welfare foods, turned to looking after the toddlers and helping with displays while the health visitors gave short talks and demonstrations, so retaining their previous involvement with the clinics.

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

This is a separate service in the West Riding. There is an Ambulance Station in Harrogate with a Superintendent Ambulance Officer in charge. Sub-depots in both Ripon and Pateley Bridge are manned by members of the respective divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who give excellent service. Communication is maintained by short wave radio.

## HOSPITALS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Name	Situation	Purpose	Beds	
			Adults	Children
Harrogate & District General Hospital	Knaresborough Rd., Harrogate	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	239	25
Carlton Lodge Maternity Home	Leeds Road, Harrogate	Maternity	13	—
Royal Bath Hospital	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Rheumatic Diseases	130	—
Yorkshire Home	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Chronic Sick Cases	71	—
Ripon & District Hospital	Firby Lane, Ripon	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	49	7
St. Wilfrid's Hospital	Princess Road, Ripon	Chronic Sick	32	—
Thistle Hill Hospital	Thistle Hill, Knaresborough	Geriatrics	51	—
Scotton Banks Hospital	Ripley Road, Knaresborough	Paediatrics	—	21
Do.	do.	General Surgery	27	—
Do.	do.	Gynaecology	26	—
Do.	do.	Diseases of Chest	96	—
Do.	do.	Young Chronic Sick	34	—
Do.	do.	Medical	22	—
Do.	do.	Private Wing Sect. 5	16	—
Do.	do.	do. Sect. 4	8	—
Knaresborough Hosp.	Stockwell Road, Knaresborough	Chronic Sick	134	—

# PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—1970

	Measles (exclud- ing rubella)		Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)		Scarlet fever		Whoop- ing cough		Infective Jaundice		Tuberculosis			
											Respir- atory		Meninges and C.N.S.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 year ..	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 years ..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 years ..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 years ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5—9 years ..	..	15	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10—14 years ..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15—19 years ..	..	3	..	2	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
20—24 years ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25—34 years ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
35—44 years ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
45—54 years ..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
55—64 years ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
65—74 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
75 and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (all ages)	..	41	7	5	1	1	3	3	7	..	..	..	..	..

# PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Diphtheria		Tetanus		Acute meningitis		Acute encephalitis			Ophthalmia neonatorum		Acute poliomyelitis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	M	F	Paralytic	Non-paralytic
Under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5—9 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10—14 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15—19 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20—24 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25—34 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35—44 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45—54 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
55—64 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
65—74 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
75 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (all ages)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

# PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Malaria												
	Contracted naturally				Induced								
					Accident-ally		Therap-eutically						
Lepto-spirosis		Para-typhoid fever		Typhoid fever		Food poisoning (excluding dysentery, para-typhoid fevers)		Abroad		In Great Britain			
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Plague		Cholera		Anthrax		Smallpox		Typhus fever		Relapsing fever		Yellow fever	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5—9 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10—14 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15—19 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20—24 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25—34 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35—44 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45—54 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
55—64 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
65—74 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
75 and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (all ages)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Scarlet Fever**

1 case was notified compared with 2 in the previous year, giving a notification rate of 0.07 per 1,000 population.

**Measles**

81 notifications were received compared with 49 in 1969, a notification rate of 5.7 per 1,000 population.

**Whooping Cough.**

4 cases were notified which gave a notification rate of 0.3 per 1,000 population. There were also 4 cases during the previous year.

**Infective Jaundice**

10 cases were notified during 1970 compared with 1 the previous year. This gave a notification rate of 0.70 per 1,000 population. The occurrence was sporadic and the distribution was on both the Ripon and Nidderdale sides of the area.

**Dysentery**

12 cases were notified during the year which gave an attack rate of 0.84 per 1,000 population. These cases occurred during June and July in scattered distribution over upper Nidderdale.

**Food Poisoning**

3 cases were notified which gave a notification rate of 0.21 per 1,000 population. Two of these were Salmonella Reading infection diagnosed while touring in Warwickshire. The other was a gastro enteritis due to Salmonella typhimurium in a waiter. It was not possible to ascertain the source of the infection in either case.

**Tuberculosis**

No new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1970.

The following table gives details from the Tuberculosis Register:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register at 1st January 1970 .. .. .	12	3	1	—	16
New notifications in 1970 .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number restored to register .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number added to Register otherwise than by notification .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number removed from Register in 1970 .. .. .	2	1	1	—	4
Number on Register at 31st December, 1970 .. ..	10	2	—	—	12



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my 8th Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

The three weeks' strike of the Dustmen in October created many problems. Approximately 5,000 Polythene sacks were issued from 63 collection points. These proved very successful in minimising nuisance from stored refuse during the strike.

The new 50 cu. yd. Norba refuse vehicle was put into service on the 1st March. This vehicle has a cast steel screw for compressing the refuse and depends on the minimum of hydraulics. So far it has proved very successful. The oldest refuse vehicle in the fleet is to be replaced by a further Norba vehicle in 1971.

A successful prosecution under the Litter Act was taken at the Ripon Magistrate's Court against someone from another district who deposited his domestic refuse at the roadside in Studley Roger parish.

Whilst all the larger villages in the area have been sewered a number of smaller villages still urgently require the provision of a public sewer. Schemes are being prepared for these to be provided in the next few years. In the meantime nuisances are likely to occur from time to time from septic tanks which have inadequate effluent drainage.

During the year the additional work of carrying out petroleum tank tests and inspecting new petroleum installations have been given to the Department by the Fire Service.

Problems associated with broilerhouses which have been sited too near to domestic premises have continued throughout the year. There have been a number of noise nuisance complaints which have been difficult to deal with.

The importance of the regular sampling of milk is confirmed by the continuing occurrence of brucellosis in raw milk which is still extensively supplied in this area.

Additional work has resulted from the operation of the Housing Act, 1969, and the issue of Certificates of Provisional Approval and Qualification Certificates to landlords and tenants.

Yours faithfully,

K. PARKER,

*Chief Public Health Inspector.*

## SECTION C.

### NOTICES FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

	Outstanding at 31/12/69	Issued in 1970	Abated in 1970	Outstanding at 31/12/70
Informal	32	20	40	12
Statutory	3	—	2	1

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

No. of houses connected to sewers	.. .. .	3,271
„ „ with satisfactory PRIVATE drainage	.. Not known	
„ „ with unsatisfactory drainage	.. .. .	„

#### Sewage Disposal Schemes

- (i) Completed during the year:—  
Sewer diversion—Birstwith.
- (ii) Under construction at year end:—None
- (iii) Awaiting approval at year end:—None
- (iv) In preparation at year end:—  
Relaying of sewers at Skelton-on-Ure and eastern part of Littlethorpe.

#### Details of any part of the district requiring:

- (i) Sewers:—  
Grantley and Winksley.
- (ii) Improvement of defective sewers:—  
Skelton-on-Ure and Sharow.
- (iii) Sewage Disposal Works:—  
Grantley and Winksley.
- (iv) Improvement or extension of sewage disposal works:—  
None.
- (v) Attention to storm water overflows:—None

### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

No. of houses provided with water closets	.. .. .	4,818
No. of houses provided with pail closets, chemical closets or earth closets	.. .. .	147
No. of pail closets, etc., converted to water closets with Conversion Grant	.. .. .	5

The Council makes a grant of £25 or half the cost, whichever is the less, towards the cost of conversion, or £40 or half the cost where septic tank drainage is necessary.

## List of Sewage Disposal Works and Pumping Stations

<i>Site</i>	<i>Type of Works</i>	<i>Villages or Properties Served</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Aldfield	Sedimentation & gravity filtration	Aldfield	Public
2. Birstwith	Sewer and Ejector station. Treatment at Clint Works.	Birstwith	Public
3. Bishop Monkton	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration	Bishop Monkton	Public
4. Bishop Thornton	Sewer only. Treatment by Shaw Mills S.D.W's.	Bishop Thornton	Public
5. Clint	2 Ejector Stations Sedimentation & mechanical filtration. Sludge Pump House.	Birstwith & Clint	Public
6. Clothorholme	Sewer Only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Clothorholme	Public
7. Copt Hewick	Ejector Station only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Copt Hewick	Public
8. Dacre	Pumping Station only. Treatment at Darley.	Wilsill, Smelthouses, Low Laithe, Summerbridge, Dacre Banks.	Public
9. Darley	Sedimentation and mechanical Filtration. 4 Pumping Stations 1 Sludge Pump House.	Wilsill, Smelthouses, Low Laithe, Summerbridge, Dacre Banks, Darley.	Public
10. Galphay	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treated at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Galphay	Public
11. Glasshouses	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration	Bewerley, Bridgehousegate, Pateley Bridge, Glasshouses, Blazefield.	Public
12. Grewelthorpe (North)	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Grewelthorpe (part)	Public
13. Grewelthorpe	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Grewelthorpe (part)	Public
14. Kirkby Malzeard	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration Sludge Pumping Station.	Kirby Malzeard, Laverton, Galphay, Grewelthorpe	Public

<i>Site</i>	<i>Type of Works</i>	<i>Villages or Properties Served</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
15. Laverton	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard.	Laverton	Public
16. Littlethorpe	Ejector Station only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Parts of Littlethorpe	Public
17. Lofthouse	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration.	Lofthouse	Public
18. Markington	Ejector Station. Sedimentation & mechanical filtration. Recirculation Pumping Station.	Markington, Ingerthorpe, Wormald Green.	Public
19. Middlesmoor	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration.	Middlesmoor	Public
20. North Stainley	Ejector Plant followed by sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	North Stainley	Public
21. Nunwick	Sedimentation and filtration	Haldgarth, Nunwick (Housing Estate)	On Site
22. Sawley	Septic tank and mechanical filtration	Sawley	Public
23. Sharow	Sewer only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Sharow	Public
24. Shaw Mills	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Shaw Mills, Bishop Thornton, Burnt Yates, Clint (part), Bedlam.	Public
25. Skelton	Pumping Station followed by sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Skelton, Newby (part)	Public
26. Studley	Ejector Station Septic tank and mechanical filtration.	Studley	Public
27. Wath	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Wath	Public
28. Winksley	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration	Winksley	Public
29. Wormald Green	Sewers & Ejector Station. Treatment at Markington.	Wormald Green	Public

## PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

During the year 108 samples of water from private supplies were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton.

Of these samples 80 were satisfactory and 28 unsatisfactory. Visits were made and advice given to owners of properties with contaminated supplies on the provision of Berkefeld Sterasyl Filters or the replacement by alternative new supplies of water.

There were 95 visits or inspections made in connection with water supply.

The expansion of the mains to supply properties in the Warsill area has been commenced but not yet completed. A pump house to serve the village of Aldfield is shortly to be commenced.

## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

I am indebted to the Engineer of the Claro Water Board for the information given below:

The supplies have generally been satisfactory in quantity and quality, apart from slight problems from the spring supplies. The number of bacteriological analyses carried out was 177.

The supplies generally are not normally plumbo-solvent and no tests were carried out. The main supply is from Eagle Level Adit, and this had a natural fluorine content of 1.00 parts per million when sampled in June, 1970.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

The vehicles in use in the Department are as follows:—

<i>Make of Vehicle</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Date of Purchase</i>
Dennis Paxit	24 cu. yds.	April, 1960
” ”	24 cu. yds.	April, 1963
Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic	20 cu. yds.	Feb., 1964
Bedford/Yorkshire Cesspool Emptier	1,000 galls.	June, 1965
Dennis Paxit III A	35 cu. yds.	Aug., 1967
Weatherill Loading Shovel		Feb., 1968
Shelvoke & Drewry Fore & Aft Freighter	35 cu. yds.	July, 1969
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	Mar., 1970

The newer larger capacity refuse vehicles are saving time in that they do not require to tip their loads more than once a day. The increasing bulkiness of domestic refuse makes higher capacity vehicles more essential.

Refuse is collected weekly throughout the district except for isolated farms which have a fortnightly collection.

The Municipal bin scheme has continued successfully,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cu. ft. capacity high density polythene dustbins are supplied free of charge to all premises receiving a free collection of refuse. Up to the end of 1970, 1,154 of these bins had been supplied.

The polythene bin liner scheme has again been extended. The number of houses using bin liners is now 262.

Blazefield tip is now almost complete. Menwith Hill tip, Wormald Green tip and Klondyke Quarry tip should provide tipping space for many years.



**Table of Pail Closets Emptied by the Council Workmen**

District	No. of Pails
High & Low Grantley ..	4
Laverton ..	1
Pateley Bridge ..	1
Winksley ..	2
TOTAL	8

Total number of pails — 8

### TANK EMPTYING SERVICE

Total number of Domestic tanks on Register	..	..	820
„ „ Farm tanks on Register	..	..	263
„ „ Business tanks on Register	..	..	28
„ „ Tanks out of area on Register	..	..	128
			<hr/> 1,239 <hr/>
Total number of Domestic tanks emptied	..	..	270
„ „ Farm tanks emptied	..	..	49
„ „ Business tanks emptied	..	..	46
„ „ Local Authority tanks emptied	..	..	—
			<hr/> 365 <hr/>

The revenue from the **Tank Emptying Service** for the year was:  
£476. 1s. 8d.

## FOOD PREMISES

The following visits were made to food premises in the area during the course of the year:—

### No. of Visits to Food Premises

Butchers Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Catering Establishments	..	..	..	..	..	..	68
Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	73
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	—
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Mobile Food Premises and Snack Bars	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Poultry Dressing Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	158
Total							360

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

### Anthrax

A case of Anthrax occurred in a one year old heifer on a milk producing farm in the district. The carcass was disposed of by incineration by the Police and arrangements were made for the pasteurisation of milk from the herd.

### Waste Foods Order, 1957

Visits were made to all licenced premises in connection with the thorough boiling of Waste Foods as a precaution against possible spread of swine fever, foot and mouth disease, etc. Further visits were made towards the end of 1970 to these premises on account of the incidence of fowl pest in parts of the area.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

### 1. Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written notices	Occupier prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority .. .. .	35	20	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .. .. .	2	2	—	—
Total .. .. .	38	23	2	—

### Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ..	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	3	3	—	1	—
Total ..	7	7	—	1	—

## HOUSING

No. of dwellinghouses in the district	..	..	4,965
1. No. of back-to-back houses included in above	..		none
2. No. of single back houses included in above	..		none
3. Estimated number of unfit houses in respect of which no representation has yet been made...	..	..	49
Details of future slum clearance programmes:—			
The above figures mainly represent individual unfit dwellings in the District.			
4. Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:			
(a) in Clearance Areas	..	..	4
(b) individual unfit houses	..	..	5

### A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Persons Displaced</i>	<i>Families Displaced</i>
<b>In Clearance Areas</b>			
Houses unfit for human habitation	—	—	—
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	—	—	—
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
<b>Not in Clearance Areas</b>			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sections 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	—	—	—
Houses included in unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Number of dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed	—	—	—

<b>B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED</b>	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Persons Displaced</i>	<i>Families Displaced</i>
Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26, Housing Act, 1961	6	—	—
Under Section 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—

**C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT IN WHICH DEFECTS  
REMEDIED**

	<i>By owner</i>	<i>By Local Authority</i>
After informal action by Local Authority	12	—
After formal notice under:—		
(a) Public Health Acts	—	—
(b) Sections 9 & 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—
Under Sec. 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—

**D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING  
ACT, 1957)**

	<i>Number of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. of separate dwellings contained in Column 1 (2)</i>
Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 17(2)	—	—
(c) Under Section 46	—	—
Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	—	—

**E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT**

	<i>Number of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. occupants of houses in Column 1 (2)</i>
No. of houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders in the year	—	—

**5. NO. OF FAMILIES REHOUSED  
DURING THE YEAR INTO  
COUNCIL OWNED DWELLINGS**

	<i>Number of Houses</i> (1)	<i>No. occupants of houses in Column 1</i> (2)
(a) Clearance Areas, etc.	1	1
(b) Overcrowding	3	—

**6. RENT ACT, 1957**

(a) No. of certificates of disrepair	—	—
(b) No. of undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority	—	—
(c) No. of certificates of disrepair cancelled	—	—

**7. OVERCROWDING**

Any comments in connection with this problem: .. none

**8. NEW DWELLINGS**

No. of new dwellings completed during the year:

By the Local Authority	..	..	..	..	26
By Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	55

**9. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING  
ACCOMMODATION**

	Formal Applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	Number of dwellings completed during the year
Improvements			
(a) Discretionary ..	30	26	8
(b) Standard Grants	42	38	34



Villages	No. of Council Houses			
	1919—1969		1970	
	Houses	Bungs.	Houses	Bungs.
Birstwith .. ..	30	—	—	—
Bishop Monkton .. ..	22	19	—	—
Bishop Thornton .. ..	14	—	—	—
Bridge Hewick .. ..	8	—	—	—
Copt Hewick .. ..	14	—	—	—
Darley .. ..	38	14	4	12
Glasshouses .. ..	24	22	—	—
Grewelthorpe .. ..	12	—	—	—
Kirkby Malzeard .. ..	25	—	—	14
Littlethorpe .. ..	12	—	—	—
Lofthouse .. ..	8	—	—	—
Markington .. ..	42	—	—	—
North Stainley .. ..	28	8	—	—
Nunwick .. ..	4	—	—	—
Pateley Bridge .. ..	84	55	—	—
Sawley .. ..	6	4	—	—
Sharow .. ..	12	12	—	—
Shaw Mills .. ..	8	19	—	—
Skelton-on-Ure .. ..	26	6	—	—
Summerbridge .. ..	53	10	—	—
Winksley .. ..	8	—	—	—
Totals ..	478	169	4	26

Total number of dwellings — 677

## MILK SAMPLES

60 samples of milk were obtained by the Department from retailers and producer retailers in the district, 57 of these samples being untreated T.T. milk and 3 pasteurised. 26 of the samples were subjected to examination for tuberculosis and none proved positive. A total of 251 churn and individual cow samples of milk were subjected to initial ring test for brucellosis and it was found necessary to culture 27 of these; 14 cultures were proved positive and this resulted in 14 animals which were excreting brucella organisms being made the subject of Orders under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959 and the Food and Drugs Act, 1955; which prohibited the sale of milk from these animals without treatment. 60 samples were subjected to the methylene blue test for keeping quality and of these 6 were unsatisfactory and 4 void. The 3 samples of pasteurised milk all passed the phosphatase test for keeping quality.

## ICE CREAM

There are 50 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream. During the year 44 samples of Ice Cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory with the following results:

33 Grade I; 7 Grade II; 4 Grade III.

## CARAVAN SITES

Caravaning continues to increase in popularity in an area of such outstanding natural beauty. Existing caravan sites have been extended and a number of new sites are being developed to keep pace with the increasing demand. Regular visits are made to all the licensed caravan sites in order to ensure that Site Licence Conditions are complied with.

The standard of the caravan sites in this area is very high.

### Table of Caravan Sites

#### Showing Number of Caravans for which Licensed

City of Ripon,	75	Holiday
Ure Bank Caravan Site, Sharow, Ripon		plus 24 tents
Mr. J. H. Weatherhead,		
Riverside Caravan Site, Pateley Bridge	100	Holiday
Mr. J. Burton,		
Heathfield Caravan Park, Pateley Bridge	180	Holiday
Quarry Moor Caravan Park Ltd., Ripon	85	Residential
Mr. J. S. Brayshaw,		
Yorkshire Hussar Inn, Markington	75	Holiday
Mr. T. W. Atkinson,		
Holme Farm, Grewelthorpe	30	„
Mr. M. Houseman,		
Manor House Farm, Summerbridge	45	„
Mr. H. Walker,		
Studfold Farm, Lofthouse	45	„
Mr. L. Turton,		
Winksley Banks Farm, Winksley	20	„
Mrs. L. Simpson,		
Westfield House, Pateley Bridge	30	„
Mr. F. Spence,		
Braeside Caravan Site, Glasshouses	12	„

Messrs. W. Aldon & Son Ltd., Stumps Lane Caravan Site, Darley	10	Holiday
Mrs. W. Calvert, Low Wood, Bewerley	30	„
Mr. E. P. Grayshon, Half Moon Inn, Fellbeck	26	„
Mr. P. C. Walker, Chequers Inn, Bishop Thornton	25	„

### **SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964**

At the present time 8 scrap dealers are registered in the district

### **ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963**

One Establishment is licensed under this Act.

### **OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963**

The total number of registered premises under the above Act at the end of the year was 56 comprising 13 offices, 25 retail shops, 15 catering establishments and 3 fuel storage depots.

The total number of visits to registered premises under the Act during the year was 66. 7 contraventions of the Act were found.

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed and inspected .. .. .	388	—	5	838	283	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	45	—	2	15	20	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci .. .. .	11.59	—	40.0	1.79	7.07	—
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. .. .	0.26	—	—	—	0.35	—
<b>Cysticercosis</b>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

## RODENT CONTROL AND DISINFESTATION

Farm and business premises continue to form the bulk of the work on Rodent Control by the Department; there being approximately 300 current contracts which entailed 3,540 visits for inspection and treatment purposes.

The free treatment of domestic dwellings, generally for infestations of mice, continued and 1,399 visits were made accordingly.

Sewers, sewage disposal works and refuse tips were given regular inspections and treatment where necessary and following a 10% test baiting of all sewers in the District four were found to be infested with rats.

Warfarin continues to be successful against rats but is ineffective for the treatment of mice and consequently an Alphachloralose based poison which has been used with effect in the past will be continued with, although palatability still poses some problems.

Domestic infestations of flies and other insect pests have been treated together with a number of wasp nests.

Poisons	Bait
644 lbs. Warfarin	508 stones oatmeal
140 lbs. Rodene Biotrol	96 stones Flakes Maize
28 lbs. Alphakil	54 lbs. Sugar
7 lbs. Zinc Phosphide	24 lbs. Flour
22.040 lbs. Alphachloralose (10 Kilos)	

Income from Rodent Control Contracts—£1,676 15s. 0d.









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